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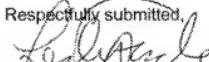
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

The Office Action of July 1, 2009 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on October 1, 2009. A two-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

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